

Washington, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) today released the following statement after voting against legislation to raise the country's debt ceiling, the limit on how much the federal government can borrow:

"The simple truth is that Washington, D.C., has failed to be mindful of this country's fiscal future. I did not hesitate to vote against raising the debt ceiling for the fifth time during my tenure serving America's First District. We have a "ceiling" for a reason: to limit the spending of the federal government. That's why I voted just weeks ago in support of a 2012 budget blueprint that cuts spending, while protecting critical programs to continue into the future. I am also a cosponsor of the bill to enact a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. In addition, this proposal would also limit spending to 1/5 of the gross domestic product and require a 3/5 vote by both chambers of Congress to raise the public debt limit. To get our economy moving again, government must get out of the way, stop the out-of-control spending, and allow American entrepreneurs to flourish and create jobs."

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